Damage due to Natural Calamities

1524. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of damage caused to country due to floods/ cyclone and droughts during the last three year;

(b) whether Government have evolved any permanent schemes or methods to protect the country from the above mentioned natural calamities;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) As per reports received from the States, details of human lives lost, animals lost, houses damaged and cropped area damaged during 1996-97 to 1998-99 due to hailstorm, landslides, heavy rains/ floods, cyclone and drought is indicated below:—

Year	Human Live lost	Animals lost	Houses damaged (in lakhs)	Cropped area damaged (lakh ha.)
1996-97	3833	208827	24.17	57.19
1997-98	B2023	32177	9.49	4132
1998-99	B5014	109091	15.63	77.10

(b) to (d) A number of schemes/programmes like Drought Prone Areas Programme, Desert Development Programme, National Watershed Development Project for rainfed areas. Employment Generation Programmes, Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme, Indira Awas Yojana, Flood Control Scheme, Soil Conservation in the Catchments of River Valley Projects and Flood Prone Rivers which have component of disaster mitigation are implemented by the Central Ministries/Departments and State Governments towards long-term measures for rehabilitation of the affected sectors.

Co-operation in Agricultural sector

1525. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state: